Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification (material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in strikeout or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, and ending at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of the following U.S. patent applications: Serial No. 10/273,605, filed October 18, 2002; and Serial No. 10/282,904, filed October 28, 2002. This application also is based upon and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/426,633, filed November 14, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

Please add the following <u>new</u> paragraphs after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 6, and before the section entitled "Cross-References to Additional Applications":

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/273,605, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of the following U.S. patent applications: Serial No. 09/549,970, filed April 14, 2000; Serial No. 09/694,077, filed October 19, 2000; and Serial No. 10/120,900, filed April 10, 2002. The '605 application also is based upon and claims the benefit under

35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the following U.S. provisional patent applications: Serial No. 60/343,682, filed October 26, 2001; Serial No. 60/343,685, filed October 26, 2001; Serial No. 60/344,482, filed October 26, 2001; Serial No. 60/344,483, filed October 26, 2001; Serial No. 60/345,606, filed October 26, 2001; Serial No. 60/359,207, filed February 21, 2002; and Serial No. 60/413,675, filed September 24, 2002.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/549,970, in turn, is based upon and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the following U.S. provisional patent applications: Serial No. 60/129,664, filed April 15, 1999; and Serial No. 60/170,947, filed December 15, 1999.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/694,077, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/549,970 (with priority claims as indicated above). The '077 application also is based upon and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/241,714, filed October 18, 2000.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/120,900, in turn, claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US01/51413, filed October 18, 2001, and published in English as Publication No. WO 02/37944 on May 16, 2002, which in turn is based upon and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the following U.S. provisional patent applications: Serial No. 60/241,714, filed October 18, 2000; Serial No. 60/259,416, filed December 28, 2000; Serial No. 60/293,863, filed May 24, 2001; Serial No. 60/299,267, filed June 18, 2001; Serial No. 60/399,810, filed June 20, 2001; Serial No. 60/307,649, filed July 24, 2001; Serial No. 60/307,650, filed July 24, 2001; Serial No. 60/310,540, filed August 6, 2001; Serial No. 60/317,409, filed

September 4, 2001; Serial No. 60/318,156, filed September 7, 2001; and Serial No. 60/328,614, filed October 10, 2001.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/282,904, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/694,077 filed October 19, 2000 (with priority claims as indicated above), and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/120,900, filed April 10, 2002 (with priority claims as indicated above). The '904 application also is based upon and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/348,025, filed October 26, 2001.

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